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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TO ISRAEL

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1. FONOFF HAS GIVEN US THE PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL MARCH 16-18:

MARCH 16
1630 ETA; PRESS STATEMENT AT AIRPORT AND THEN TRAVEL TO
JERUSALEM WHERE GENSCHER WILL STAY AT THE KING DAVID
HOTEL; CALL ON PRESIDENT KATZIR; CALL ON FOREIGN
MINISTER ALLON AT THE KNESSET; FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT
2030.

MARCH 17
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MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN, DEFENSE MINISTER
PERES, AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON IN THAT ORDER.

LUNCH:
WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY ,KOL, IN A
KIBBUTZ.

AFTERNOON:

MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON; MEETING OF TWO DELEGATIONS; AND PRESS CONFERENCE.

EVENING:

DINNER BY GENSCHER FOR 24, INCLUDING ALLON.

MARCH 18

0800 HOURS ETD FOR MADRID.

2. ACCORDING TO FONOFF, THE INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY IS CONSIDERED THE SISTER PARTY OF THE FDP BECAUSE IT IS ETHNICALLY THE MOST GERMAN OF ALL THE ISRAELI PARTIES AND BECAUSE IT IS IN THE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, GENSCHER WILL ALSO MEET WITH EHRLICH OF THE NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY.

3. GENSCHER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY 15 JOURNALISTS. IN CONTRAST TO HIS TRIP TO THE ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES, HE WILL TAKE NO BUSINESSMEN. ON SUBSTANCE, GENSCHER PLANS TO RELAY TO THE ISRAELI LEADERS WHAT THE ARAB LEADERS TOLD HIM DURING HIS TRIP IN FEBRUARY. HE INTENDS TO URGE THE ISRAELI LEADERS TO BE FLEXIBLE, BUT IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF PROGRESS DURING THE PLO NATIONAL COUNCIL, GENSCHER PLANS TO KEEP HIS REMARKS VERY GENERAL AND SUBTLE. THE FONOFF REGARDS THIS MEETING AS A DEFINITE SETBACK. GENSCHER WILL STRESS THE DESIRE OF THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO DECREASE THEIR EXPENDITURES FOR ARMS.

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4. GENSCHER DOES NOT PLAN TO SIGN ANY AGREEMENTS AND ANTICIPATES THAT DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL SUBJECTS WILL BE MINIMAL. THE FRG EXPECTS THE ISRAELIS TO REQUEST AN INCREASE IN CAPITAL ASSISTANCE, USING THE ARGUMENT THAT THEIR PAYMENTS ON PREVIOUS AID CURRENTLY AMOUNT TO 100 MILLION DM YEARLY. THE FRG IS NOT PREPARED TO INCREASE AID ABOVE ITS PRESENT LEVEL OF 140 MILLION. IN FACT, THE FONOFF IS DETERMINED TO REMOVE ISRAEL'S EXEMPTION FROM TYING THE AID IT RECEIVES TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS. THE FONOFF ALSO EXPECTS THE ISRAELIS TO RAISE PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR COORDINATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THIRD COUNTRIES. IF ISRAEL REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN, AS IT HAS IN THE PAST, GENSCHER WILL AGREE TO RELAY ISRAEL'S INTEREST TO MADRID.

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